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Hongkong, October 14, 1879.

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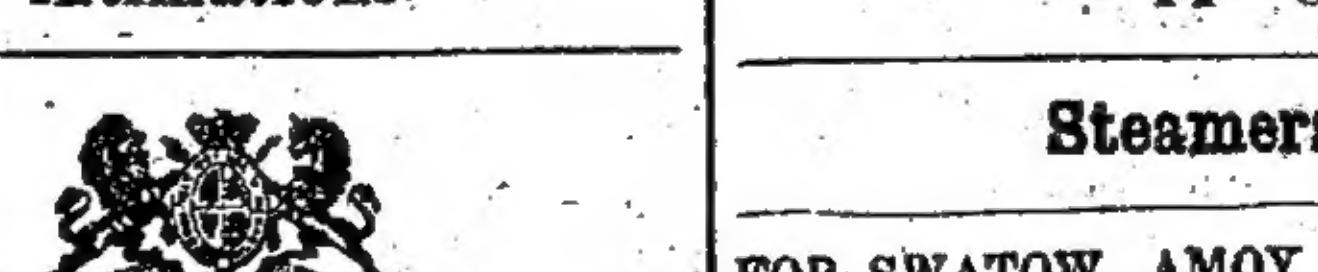
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Hongkong, October 14, 1870.

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TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

THEATRE & ROYAL,

CITY HALL.

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COMPANY.

ARMY AND NAVY

REQUEST NIGHT.

TO-MORROW EVENING,

15th October, 1870.

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AS THE COMPANY LEAVE ON THURSDAY.

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LIEUTENANT-COLONEL GEDDES,

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COMMODORE SMITH, R.N.,

AND OFFICERS H. M. NAVAL QUADRONE,

When will be Repeated by

looked very attractive in their neat and modest uniform, and they pulled away, well and together, as though they had been used to the work; and indeed we fancy we have some recollection of them on the waters of the Szechow Creek, near the upper boathouse, on former occasions. On this that their appearance and skill have, as might have been expected, raised a feeling of curiosity and rivalry in other feminine minds, and that there will soon be another fair crew afloat, and a challenge. Why not? Yachting is now a favourite sport with ladies, why should not rowing become so too?

SPEAKING of a Battalion Parade fixed for Wednesday last, the *News* thus speaks of the Volunteers in the Model Settlement:—"For the first time in its existence, the Shanghai Volunteer Corps will be enabled to turn out in true soldier-like appearance, and on a level in respect to uniform with their brethren-in-arms at Home. This is itself a reform of no mean order, and we hope it will have the effect of bringing up the ranks to respectable strength. At the very least, there should be three Companies of 80 men each."

SAYS the *Japan Gazette* (Oct. 3rd):—

We are informed that Yakub the Amir of Kabul has taken refuge in a British fort or armed position. If the statement should be confirmed, it would show that he had not had any complicity in the attack upon the British Residency. We are sorry that Kabul will be for a time on our hands, and hope that Sir H. Rawlinson's advice will be taken. He recommended the permanent occupation in force of Kandahar, and an alliance for offensive and defensive purposes with Persia, whether Persia desires it or not.

We were enabled to give yesterday almost the whole of the English and other telegrams via America by the steamer *Oceanic*. The following, however, is from the American files to hand-to-day, are still fresh:—

London, Sept. 7.—A despatch from Prome says the massacres in Mandalay continue. Diplomatic intercourse between the Burmese Court and the British has virtually ceased. The Cabul outbreak will probably encourage King Theebat to create an open rupture with England.

The Rumpa rebellion will be stamped out in a few weeks.

New York, Sept. 9.—The steam-ship *P. Calants*, which arrived to-day from Rotterdam, picked up the shipwrecked crew, twelve in number, of the Norwegian bark *Columbia*, bound from London to Quebec. The bark was struck by a large fish or sea monster, and had a hole knocked in her bottom, which caused her to fill and sink in half an hour. The water around the vessel became bloody immediately after the shock was felt. The men had barely time to escape in boats.

Glasgow, Sept. 9.—It is estimated that 8,000 people are still out of employment here. The iron trades only are doing well. Building trades are in the worst condition, and it will be necessary again to make provision to assist the unemployed during the coming Winter.

At a meeting of shareholders of the Union Spinning Mills, at Oldham, running 900,000 spindles, a suggestion to run on short time, or to stop the Oldham Mills entirely, so as to bring pressure to bear on the Liverpool cotton market, seemed to meet with great approval.

"EAST LYNNE" AT THE THEATRE ROYAL.

The selection of "East Lynne," a poor play at the best, was a singularly unfortunate step on the part of Mr John Jack's Company, few if any of the characters being such as suit the artiste now amongst us. Miss Annie Firmin's doubling of *Lady Isabel Vane* and *Madame Vane* has, we are told in the bill, "been pronounced by the Press of America and Australia to be the grandest portrayal of this character extant." We have no wish to quarrel with the Press of America and Australia, but we cannot help expressing our disappointment with the way in which she represented the characters. The questionable taste in which she dressed or rather undressed to come home to East Lynne as *Carlyle's* wife may be a good flash of American style, but it is as utterly false to all principles of fine art as anything we have ever been condemned to witness. In the fifth act (the death scene) she did much to redeem her impersonation of the double character from the category of failures. Mr John Jack as *Archibald Carlyle*, which should be a quiet and tender piece of consistent acting, walked on stilts right through the piece, and what with the unnecessarily loud and pomposo tragic way in which his loving and pathetic speeches were delivered, and the strongly-pronounced American twang that pervaded the whole, there was little left to admire. Mr Frank Stuart as *Sir Francis Lewison* does not deserve much praise. Mr Crofton doubling *Lord Mount Serra* and *Richard Hare* had rather thankless parts, and deserves credit for careful and good play; only in the latter character, his denial to his sister *Babara Hare* of the crime attributed to him was ineffectually played. Miss Emily Blain as *Babara Hare* was very good; she gave a quiet graceful rendering of a pretty little part, that of second importance, in an artistic point of view, in the piece. Mrs Norville played throughout better than any other member of the Company. She has improved tremendously within the last two or three years, and with an adherence to the same careful study and untiring rehearsal as has brought her to her present state of perfection, she bids fair to become a first-class actress possessing great versatility. Mr George Norville as *John Dill* was very successful, and looked the part to perfection. "Little Miss May" did the little that falls to the part of *Wife* neatly and correctly. The two renderings of the ballad "You'll Remember me" were loudly applauded, and after the death scene Miss Firmin was called before the curtain. We are glad to note that the other pieces selected for production here promise greater intrinsic excellence than "East Lynne" and are better suited to the abilities of the Company. At the close Mr Jack expressed before the curtain his thanks for the patronage of those before him and for their applause, and stated that to-night (Tuesday) "The Child of the Regiment" will be produced: on Wednesday, when the entertainment will be under distinguished patronage, "Our Boys" will be repeated.

HOME ITEMS IN ADVANCE OF THE FRENCH MAIL.

We have been favoured with a glimpse of a *London and China Express* in advance of the Sept. 5th Mail, due to-morrow, and reproduce one or two items.

Sir D. Brooke Robertson, C.B., has been nominated at K. O. M. G. Sir Brooke is wrongly described as having been "for many years Consul-General at Shanghai," while the real fact was that he never assumed the duties of that office to which he was appointed. He gained all his honours in Canton; was nominated a C. B. in 1855, and was knighted in 1872. There are few who will begrudge Sir Brooke his well-earned honours.

A Royal Commission has been appointed to examine into and report upon the question of Colonial defence.—H.M.S. *Juno*, on arrival at home, will be put out of commission.—The *Orion* will leave Portsmouth on Sept. 10, for Cape Town, and the Straits.—Staff-Surgeon W. D. Wodsworth has been appointed to the *Lapaley*.—The distinguished service reward vacant by the decease of Lieut.-General Pocklington has been conferred upon Major General E. W. Donovan.—The *German Army Gazette* describes China as the natural ally of Germany, as against Russia.—The new Treaty of Commerce between Germany and Japan is again spoken of.

In Hamburg, the steamer *Feronia* had arrived from China via Black Sea and Rotterdam. *Feronia* had also reached that port from Hongkong. *Feronia* was to leave on 25th Sept. *Carmelita* and *Ida* and *Stefans* were on her birth for Hongkong, and *Senjimpo* for Shanghai.

The circular regarding freights to China is published. A return upon freight contributed is promised half-yearly to shippers who patronize the lines named. It is signed by the F. & O. Messagers, the O. S. Co., McGregor, Gow & Co., T. Skinner & Co., Jenkins & Co., Gellatly, Hankey & Co., Norris & Joyner, and Shaw Williams & Co. The scale is—Manchester bales (except yarn), per ton, 72/6 P. & O. and M. M.; O. S. S. and Glens, 70/; Castles and Outriders, 67/6. Yarn, 62/6, 60/; and 67/6. Yorkshire goods, 77/6, 75/; and 67/6. Town goods from other places, 62/6, 60/; and 57/6. Treasure, same by all lines, and no return made on it. Cargo for Japan 5/ over these rates. From China—Tea to London, 77/6, 75/; and 72/6 (first tea steamer alone excepted); to New York via London, 87/6, 85/; and 82/6; to New York direct, ditto. No return on silk freight. The return on shipments not less than 50 tons, 3/ per ton; tea or any cargo except silk, 5/ per ton.

The F. & O. steamer *Mongolia* got slightly damaged on 31st Aug. in the Thames, by a collision with a barge.

Passenger for Hongkong by the *Glen-eagles*, from London, Aug. 30.—Messrs E. Losch, and Rodger, by the *Ava*, from Marseilles, for Hongkong.—Mr and Mrs Pollock, Messrs Tschachado and Onstham. By the *Amazone*, Oct. 5, Mr and Mrs Piton, Mr and Mrs Alexander Leith, Mr H. D. Brown.

The special Brazilian Diplomatic Mission to China has been constituted: Commodore Silveira do Motta, Envoy Extraordinary; Dr Eduardo Callado, Chargé d'Affaires; and Lieutenant Henrique Marques Lisboa, Secretary.—The Chinese Minister at Berlin has presented his credentials.—Rev. J. Lamont, formerly of Hongkong, has become pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Kentish town.—Sir Walter Medhurst has an article in the *Contemporary Review* entitled "The Future of China." In the *Fortnightly Review*, Mr Herbert Giles has an article on "The Present State of China."

Canton:

Evening of 12th Oct.

There was a fire near the German Mission House, (at You Lan Mun), but just within the city wall, last night, between eleven and twelve o'clock, that appeared somewhat alarming for a short time; but fortunately there was only a moderate breeze and a flood tide, so that its spread was checked. The flames at first appeared to menace the Medical Missionary Society's Hospital and friends' houses; but an hour later the Honan engines recrossed the river.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE OPIUM FARM QUESTION.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, Oct. 13.

SIR.—My attention has just been called to the following portion of "Citizen's" letter, which appeared in the morning paper of the 9th inst., namely:—"I strongly maintain that the Governor will come out of this mess, &c. &c. The only thing he wants to enable him to do is the co-operation and support of the Chinese."

Now, Sir, permit me to ask "Citizen" what or any other good thing can do to assist the Governor in the matter of the Opium Farm, as I am entirely at loss to imagine, unless it be that citizens should enrol themselves under the banner of "The Rupert of Doubt," and accompanied by "Old Resident" should proceed to Macao and smash up the Old Farmer, and boil him in his pants; or that we should all take to using prepared opium for the benefit of the new Farmer.

ENQUIRER.

"LET HIM ROAR AGAIN"—OUTSIDE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

14th, October.

SIR.—I am much cooler now than I was, and write in words that need not either curse, singe or wither up any one. About

midnight yesterday, on leaving the City Hall, I felt that I could have strolled that refreshment bar with Dynamite and set my mother-in-law to "mash" it until it went up. Now, this is not the proper function of the drama—to turn people into bloodthirsty, torch-flaring communists; and I therefore of opinion that whoever made that noise last night, which was so near to the reverse of heavenly, robbed me of two-dollars worth of entertainment. If persons mistake a high-class representation for a low mud-hall and disport themselves, as to noise, in a way which is in keeping with an election gathering at the hustings, these people should be directed to the fountain and to the lions outside. They not only do not enjoy the performance, or cannot do so,

but they prevent the possibility of quiet, orderly and highly-sentimental pleasure like myself hearing anything that is supposed to be going on on the stage. If the Babel to which I refer was the result of a pro-Hanoverian feeling, then the Babel must be removed if the tone of the Theatre Royal is to be kept up. If not, then I think that the \$3, \$2, \$1 graduated scale has been a mistake. The "house" last night reminded me of a man with a bald head and a heavy beard—crowded down below and thin topside. Anyhow, get those good folks to stop that unseemly "row," and oblige Yours,

A PLAYGOER.

WHERE IS THE AMENDED STAMP SCHEDULE?

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, Oct. 13, 1879.

SIR.—Can you tell me what the Chamber of Commerce Committee have done with the revision of the Stamp Duty Act. Some time ago you mentioned a Schedule had been submitted to them by the government for approval. Has nothing transpired then?

It appears, beyond some talk at the early meetings of the Chamber, nothing nothing is being done. This tax is telling heavily on holders of drafts &c. for small amounts and also is unjust in respect to demand drafts and cheques drawn outside the Colony. I wish to see it modified in this way soon.

Yours truly
ONE WHO HAS WAITED VERY LONG.

THE REVIVED UNITED STATES CHARGE D'AFFAIRES.

Shanghai, 22nd September.

To THE EDITOR OF THE *Shanghai Mercury*.

SIR.—In your estimable paper of the 15th Inst., there is an entreflet entitled "The Chinese reception of General Grant," and from which it appears that the credit for the suitable welcome given by the Viceroy of Canton to the ex-President of the United States, is due to the diplomatic activity of the Reverend Christmas Holcombe, American Chargé d'Affaires. This is not at all correct, and the short history of this affair speaks thus:—When General Grant landed in Singapore, he was met on the spot by the well known Siamese Consul, Mr Whampoa, from Canton, who, in the name of the numerous Chinese residents in that Island gave to the American General a hearty welcome, moreover assured him that the Viceroy of Canton had already made all necessary preparations for giving him a grand reception. Both Mr Lincoln's letter and Mr Whampoa's assurances about the plan and intentions of the Viceroy of Canton were published in the *Singapore Mercury*, and *Shanghai* papers long before the Reverend American Chargé d'Affaires had with grand éclat started in his religious ambassadorial pilgrimage from Peking to Canton and intermediary ports.

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NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

MR. ALEXANDER C. LEVYSONH retired from our Firm in HONGKONG and CHINA on the 31st of December last, and MR. LORENZ POESNECKER was admitted a PARTNER thereto on the same day.

MR. JULIUS KRAMER has been authorized to SIGN our Firm per Procuration at CANTON.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, October 11, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. JOHN FAIRBAIRN in our Firm here and in Yokohama, CEASED on the 31st March, 1879.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, October 6, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has established him- self at the Premises formerly occupied by LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co., Peddar's Wharf, as

AUCTIONEER, APPRAISER
AND
COMMISSION AGENT.

All GOODS intrusted for SALE will be fully covered by FIRE INSURANCE.

G. R. LAMMERT.
Hongkong, July 1, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. C. BRAUN in our Firm, CEASED on the 23rd September A.D.

Mr. C. STIEBEL is authorized to SIGN our Firm.

REISS & Co.,
Hongkong, Shanghai, Yokohama.
Hongkong, October 3, 1879.

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER DE EASTLACKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS NO. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1879.

INTIMATIONS.

IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS.
CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY OF
LIGHT-HOUSE OIL.

SEALED TENDERS will be Received at this OFFICE till 1st December next, for the SUPPLY of 4,000 IMPERIAL Gallons PEA-NUT OIL for Use at the LIGHT-HOUSE in the Southern Division of CHINA, for the Year 1880. Printed forms of Tender can be obtained on application at this OFFICE.

The OIL to be perfectly Pure and Unmixed, of the best Quality and Colour, free from Sediment, and to be delivered at the Customs Godowns, Amoy, in the following Quantities, viz:—

2,000 Gallons on or before 31st Decem- ber next.
2,000 Gallons on or before 1st July, 1880.

The OIL will be measured as delivered, and each Tender must be accompanied by a Sample in a clear Glass Bottle of not less quantity than half a Pint.

No Tender will be accepted on any other form than that issued from this OFFICE.

The Commissioner does not pledge him- self to accept the lowest or any Tender.

H. E. HOBSON,
Commissioner of Customs.

CUSTOM HOUSE,
Amoy, 8th October, 1879.

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CONSULAT DE FRANCE.

LE Gouvernement de la Cochinchine mettra en adjudication le 3 Novembre prochain un SERVICE MENSUEL et DIRECT PAR BATEAU & VAPEUR entre Saigon, le Tonquin, et Poulo-Condor. Le cahier des charges peut être consulté à la Chancellerie du Consulat de France.

Hongkong, 9 October, 1879.

Le Chancelier p.i.,
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J. LE GLAY.

FRENCH CONSULATE.

THE Government of Cochin-china invite TENDERS for a DIRECT MONTHLY SERVICE by STEAMER between Saigon, Tonquin, and Poulo-Condor; Tenders to be opened on the 3rd November next.

Full Particulars may be seen at the French Consulate.

J. LE GLAY,
Acting Chancelier.

Hongkong, October 9, 1879.

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HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS.

GOODS RECEIVED on STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the Wharf, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch. Also entire Godowns to be let.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, October 1, 1879.

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COSMOPOLITAN DOCKS.

W. B. SPRATT & Co. have lately added an Extensive MACHINE SHOP and other APPLIANCES to the former Advantages of these Docks.

The DIMENSIONS of the DOCKS are:—160 Feet, on the Blocks; 92 Feet Wide; Ordinary Tides, 21 Ft.; Spring Tides, 24 ft.

Office, 20, PRAYA CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, October 4, 1879.

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NOW READY.

A CHINHES DICTIIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT; Parts I and II, A to M, with Introduction. Royal Svo, pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN BIZET, Ph.D. Tübingen.

Price: FIVE DOLLARS, OR TWO DOLLARS AND A HALF PER PART.

To be had from MESSRS LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and MESSRS KELLY & WILHE, Shanghai.

Hongkong, March 1, 1879.

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SAILORS' HOME.

ANY Cast-of CLOTHING, Books, or

PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 25, 1879.

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Hongkong, October 11, 1879.

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NOTICE.

F. VINCENT, WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION MERCHANT, AND STOREKEEPER, HONGKONG.

BEGS to inform his Patrons and the Public generally that he has received a Large Assortment of FRENCH WINES, LIQUORS, SPIRITS, and STORES of the BEST QUALITY (French Produce).

N.B.—F. V. is ready to supply at any of the Coast Ports, as well as in Hongkong, any quantity that may be required to suit Purchasers.

F. VINCENT, No. 4, Peel Street.

Hongkong, October 10, 1879.

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HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1878, AND THE FIRST 6 MONTHS OF 1879.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their CONTRIBUTIONS for the YEAR ending December 31st 1878, and for the SIX MONTHS from January 1st to June 30th 1879; in Order that the DISTRIBUTION of the PORTION of the PROFITS Reserved for CONTRIBUTORS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to October 31st next, will be adjusted by the Company and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, July 24, 1879.

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CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1878, AND TO THE 30TH JUNE, 1879.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their CONTRIBUTIONS from the 1st January, 1878, to the 30th June, 1879, in Order that the PORTION of the NET PROFITS to be Reserved for CONTRIBUTORS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st October next will be adjusted by the Company, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.

Hongkong, August 2, 1879.

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DENTAL NOTICE.

D. ROGERS will visit SHANGHAI during the Summer Months, leaving HONGKONG on the 1st of April next, and returning about 1st November.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STREAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

A TENTH RETURN of CAPITAL at the Rate of TWO TAELIS per SHARE, will be made to Shareholders of Record on 13th October, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on MONDAY, 20th October.

Warrants will then be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives, on presentation of Share Certificate for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 20th July, inclusively.

By Order,

RUSSELL & Co., Liquidators.

Shanghai, October 1, 1879.

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YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE.

IN accordance with the Articles of Agreement, the Directors have declared a DIVIDEND to POLICYHOLDERS for the FIFTEEN MONTHS ending 31st December 1878, of THIRTY-THREE PER CENT. on the NET PREMIA CONTRIBUTED, payable at our OFFICE on and after the 15th Instant.

POLICYHOLDERS are requested to send in particulars of their Contributions.

By Order of the Directors,

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 5, 1879.

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NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, October 1, 1879.

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NOTICE.

RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

Agents,

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

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Hongkong, March 1, 1879.

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Hongkong, October 1, 1879.

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Agents,

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Hongkong, Sept. 3, 1879.

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NOTICE.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship ANCONA, Capt. E. G. STAD, will leave on SATURDAY, the 25th October, at Noon.

Tea and General Cargo for London will be conveyed via Bombay without transhipment, arriving one week later than by the direct route. Silk and Valuables will be transferred to the Calcutta steamer at Gallo.

Subject to a charge of 12% for Interest on Shareholders' Capital, all the Profits of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS will be annually distributed among all Contributors of Business in proportion to the Premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 12, 1879.

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NOTICE.

THE PENINSULAR AND OR